

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 853  
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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Reverend William Scruggs.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those estimable individuals who, through their extraordinary efforts and vision, have distinguished themselves as leaders in the African-American community and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such dedicated leader is Reverend William Scruggs, who served as the Presiding Elder of the South Nashville District African Methodist Episcopal Church before taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Reverend William Scruggs is currently a member of the Historic Shorter Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Franklin, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his faithful service as a minister, William Scruggs worked as a general contractor for many years; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Scruggs worked both locally and nationally during the Civil Rights Movement to secure freedom and equality for all people, regardless of the color of their skin; and

WHEREAS, a committed community servant, Reverend Scruggs was instrumental in the establishment and construction of Rolling Meadows, the first African-American middle class neighborhood in Franklin, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, William Scruggs played an integral role in the desegregation and integration of Franklin and Williamson County schools; and

WHEREAS, a civil rights activist, Reverend William Scruggs marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to combat racial prejudice and injustice; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Scruggs continues to make a difference in the lives of African-Americans in Middle Tennessee through his service and leadership, and he epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to recognize and honor this estimable leader and public servant; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Reverend William Scruggs for his dutiful service to the African-American community and the good people of the State of Tennessee and wish him every success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.